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Applicant: Lee and Esquela Art Unit: 1646  
Application No.: 09/361,655 Examiner: P. Mertz  
Filed: July 27, 1999  
Title: METHODS OF DETECTING LIVER CELLS EXPRESSING GROWTH  
DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR-12

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to December 12, 2002.

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A check for the sum of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the one-month Extension of Time fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 9, 2002

  
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